

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS

September 27, 2004

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26 OF THE 2004 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: September 27, 2004, 3PM - The state averaged 6.6 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 42% very short, 43% short, and 15% adequate. Hot, dry conditions continue across the state.

CROPS: Late season soybeans continue to be irrigated as they approach maturity. Cotton defoliation continues and boll openers are being applied to slower maturing fields. Some producers have begun burning down fields, with rice nearly 75 percent harvested. However, burning bans have been issued in some counties and may slow this process. Producers are waiting for rain in order to speed up wheat planting.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock are in overall good condition. The hot, dry weather is significantly affecting pasture condition around the state. Pastures and hayfields have dried up considerably over the past two weeks. Therefore hay feeding has begun in some counties. Still, some producers are applying fertilizer in hopes of receiving rain soon.

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN									
Harvested	98	93	94	95					
SOYBEANS					1	7	23	44	25
Yellowing	73	60	57	48					
Shedding	57	44	37	46					
Matured	45	35	25	n/a					
Harvested	33	26	17	16					
SORGHUM									
Matured	100	95	99	99					
Harvested	90	80	84	88					
COTTON					0	4	22	46	28
Open Bolls	90	71	82	91					
Harvested	8	2	9	16					
RICE									
Harvested	73	53	69	70					
WHEAT									
Planted	4	1	3	2					
Emerged	0	0	1	0					
HAY - OTHER					7	25	36	25	7
HAY-ALFALFA					4	16	49	31	0
PASTURE & RANGE					12	30	38	15	5

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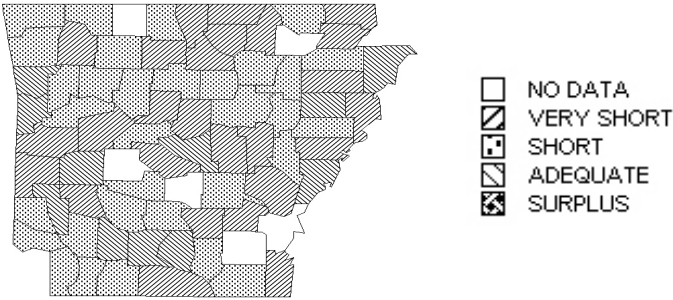
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

September 26, 2004. Temperatures were above normal. Small amount of rainfall in most areas of the state. Camden recorded the high temperature of 92° and Gilbert recorded the low temperature of 44°. Precipitation ranged from a high of 1.41 inches at Hope to 0.00 inches at several reporting stations.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: September 26, 2004

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEP FROM NORM	WEEK ENDING SEP 26	CURR SEP ACCUM.	SEP NORMAL	JAN-AUG	
							2004	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	84	48	2	0.02	0.53	4.83	34.82	29.51
Harrison	85	50	3	0.09	0.11	4.03	26.71	29.08
2 Calico Rock	89	45	2	0.00	0.00	4.08	27.49	29.37
Gilbert	87	44	0	0.00	0.00	3.73	29.23	28.60
Greers Ferry	87	52	2	0.43	0.67	4.10	34.04	32.15
Mountain Home	86	54	5	0.00	0.03	4.33	32.83	28.51
3 Batesville	89	49	2	0.02	0.02	3.58	34.94	30.45
Jonesboro	87	49	2	0.02	0.03	3.12	34.09	29.90
Keiser	88	54	4	0.00	0.04	3.65	35.63	33.10
Newport	89	52	2	0.08	0.08	3.49	28.49	31.37
4 Booneville	88	58	2	0.00	0.51	4.04	30.22	30.50
Clarksville	89	60	4	0.11	0.22	3.88	38.28	29.53
Dardanelle	90	55	3	0.00	0.01	3.56	27.52	31.18
Ft. Smith	90	58	3	0.00	0.27	3.61	34.55	28.13
Mena	88	53	2	0.00	0.05	5.07	34.35	36.74
Ozark	87	61	3	0.44	1.35	3.70	36.56	28.63
5 Conway	88	56	2	0.07	0.07	3.71	29.55	30.90
Hot Springs	91	55	1	0.24	0.30	4.05	37.24	36.94
Little Rock	88	55	2	0.33	0.51	3.71	33.56	32.53
N Little Rock	88	57	2	0.31	0.34	3.53	31.74	31.58
6 Brinkley	86	55	3	0.00	0.00	3.02	31.65	33.08
Marianna	86	55	3	0.00	0.14	3.16	33.86	35.21
Stuttgart	88	55	2	0.02	0.02	2.86	39.71	39.71
7 Hope	89	55	1	1.41	1.51	4.06	34.91	34.94
Texarkana	90	58	1	0.89	1.77	3.40	30.51	29.94
8 Camden	92	54	1	0.76	0.88	3.60	42.63	34.72
El Dorado	87	56	0	0.45	0.45	3.29	47.46	36.89
Warren	85	54	1	0.17	0.43	3.71	49.83	36.68
9 Eudora	91	57	3	0.07	0.07	2.71	42.00	38.85
Pine Bluff	88	51	2	0.09	0.17	3.20	38.83	34.51
Rohwer	87	55	3	0.05	0.05	2.91	37.36	34.70